(c) whether it is also a fact that the Rajya Sainik and Zila Sainik Boards do not even have basic facilities in terms of manpower and accommodation; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to improve the conditions of Rajya Sainik and Zila Sainik Boards?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has requested the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to fill up the vacant posts in the Rajya Sainik Boards and Zila Sainik Boards expeditiously and their response has been positive.

(c) and (d) Some of these Boards do not have adequate manpower and accommodation facilities. The concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been requested to provide the same.

Combat aircraft crashes

. 4477. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many combat aircrafts have been lost in crashes during the last three years, giving the year-wise, make-wise and area-wise details thereof;

(b) how many of these were manufactured, assembled, upgraded or overhauled by the original manufacturers and how much of their operational life was still remaining;

(c) how many of these aircrafts were manufactured or overhauled or upgraded by the HAL; and

(d) whether it is a fact that majority of such aircrafts were manufactured or maintained by the HAL?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The Defence forces have lost 30 combat aircraft in accidents during the period from 1st April, 2004 to 8th May, 2007. The year, type and place-wise details of the accidents are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

Out of 30 aircraft crashed, 22 were manufactured by Original Equipment Manufacturers and 8 by HAL. 21 of these aircraft were also overhauled by HAL of which 1 was upgraded.

The residual operational life of these aircraft at the time of crash was reportedly 40% to 50%.

Statement

Combat aircraft crashes

Sl.No.	Date of accident	Type of aircraft	Place of accident
1	2	3	4
Financial Year 2004-2005			
1.	2.4.2004	Jaguar	Ambala
2,	2.4.2004	Jaguar	Ambala
3.	28.4.2004	MiG27	Jodhpur
4.	7.5.2004	Jaguar	Ambala
5.	19.5.2004	MiG27	Bagdogra
6.	23.9.2004	Mirage	Gwalior
7.	12.10.2004	Mirage	Gwalior
8.	1.11.2004	MiG21	Nal
9.	5.11.2004	MiG27	Bareilly
10.	9.11.2004	Mirage	Gwalior
11.	16.12.2004	Sea Harrier	Goa
12.	4.1.2005	MiG21	Nal
13.	8.3.2005	MiG21	Nal
Financial Year 2005-2006			
14.	11.5.2005	Jaguar	Khalilabad
15.	17.5.2005	Sea Harrier	Goa
16.	7.10.2005	Jaguar	Gwalior •
17.	26.10.2005	MiG21	Tezpur
18.	5.12S.2005	Sea Harrier	Goa
19.	13.12.2005	MiG21	Tezpur
20.	17.1.2006	MiG21	Jamnagar
21.	21.3.2006	MiG21	Utterlai

1	2	3	4
Financial Year 2006-2007			
22.	8.6.2006	MiG 29	Jamnagar
23.	18.9.2003	MiG 21	Sirsa
24.	28.9.2006	MiG 29	Ambala
25.	19.10.2006	MiG 27	Hashimara
26.	21.11.2006	MiG 29	Sarmat Range
27.	18.1.2007	Jaguar	Pokhran Range
28.	24.1.2007	Mirage 2000	Gwalior
29.	1.3.2007	MiG 21	Bagdogra
Financial Year 2007-2008			
30.	8.5.2007	MiG 29	Adampur

Posts in Public Relations Directorate of Ministry of Defence

†4478. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned posts in various units of Public Relations Directorate under the Ministry of Defence and the vacant posts out of them;

(b) the annual budget of Public Relations Directorate for the three years upto 2006-07 and the amount spent out of the budget of Army, Air Force, Navy and on other units of the Directorate;

(c) whether the budget of Army Liaison Cell is also included in the budget of Public Relations Directorate; and

(d) the annual budget of Army Liaison Cell for three years upto the year 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Out of a total sanctioned strength of 275 posts in Directorate of Public Relations (DPR), 35 posts in different cadres are lying vacant.

(b) There is no separate budget allocated to Directorate of Public Relations but its funds for publicity are drawn from Army allocation which

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.